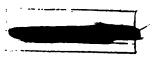
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT

Rights in Chile

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1. On 18 February 1975 President Pinochet for the first time acknowledged publicly that individuals had exceeded their authority and mistreated prisoners and that many had been punished and some had been removed from their positions. At the same time, he announced the establishment of medical commissions to assure the good health of prisoners. The day before, he relterated that his regime had waved the power of prior censorship and announced that the new Chilean constitution would contain provisions concerning freedom of the press.

On 31 October General Pinochet publicly renounced prior censorship of the press and eased restrictions on fereign newsmen expelled from Chile.

instructed all security services to notify appropriate embassies when foreigners were arrested. Pinochet issued orders to all unit commanders to guard against all forms of prisoner abuse.

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general reduction of sentences for numerous detainees and in increased government efforts to persuade other countries to accept Chilean political exiles.

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